



NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPEAL



# Prison Fellowship New Zealand

*We release prisoners and their victims into a new future, with your help!*

James (not his real name) says "Drugs are a terrible thing to get hooked into and I spent 10 years in prison on methadone trying to get free – that only kept me fuelled at a lower level. The last 18 months of my sentence was in the Prison Fellowship run Faith Unit and that helped me a lot to focus towards coming out. What really worked was being placed by them on a year long drug rehabilitation programme run by Victory Outreach. Imagine – cold turkey on day one! I survived and really got into the discipline of the place, the long hours of work and the responsibilities I had to journey through. At the end of it I passed with distinction! To my amazement, they offered me the position of leading the course this year. The right support when you come out of prison makes all the difference – it did to me."

Prison Fellowship's work like this in the Faith Unit, Operation Jericho and Sycamore Tree victim-offender conferences, goes on despite the rapidly increasing weekly prison muster, the double bunking of prisoners and the advent of container units. New Zealand now imprisons over 8600 people, many of them only for very short periods of time, such that the average prison sentence is only 9 months. Our imprisonment rate is the 2nd highest in the developed world- something we surely cannot be proud about!

As our recidivism rate is so high in New Zealand (some 65% of offenders return to prison within 4 years) our major projects are based on the prisons' "revolving doors" being shut. The Target Communities Project, based on a pilot case here in Wellington is proving effective at resettling prisoners within their local community, has just been launched. We need funds NOW to get out around New Zealand in 2010 to tell the people about these fabulous resources we have developed, then train and equip them to support released prisoners, with our ongoing guidance.



By supporting our projects with your generosity you will really change the lives of prisoners, victims and their families. Over time you will also help to reduce the overall prison population by giving the required support to released prisoners. For our part we will continue to strive for excellence in our administration so that the valued gifts you entrust us with are spent wisely.

Thank you for your help in this vital ministry, one that really works. If you want to know more about us, or become a volunteer in our ministry see [www.pfnz.org.nz](http://www.pfnz.org.nz). Kind regards

Robin Gunston, National Director

**PS When you make a donation to us it goes to help men like James change the entire direction of their lives.**

Please make your donation online at [www.pfnz.org.nz](http://www.pfnz.org.nz) (our preferred method)

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